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1. After late September 1952, source observed that 150 to 200 men, and women were engaged in the cutting of wood, uprooting and grading work near Bremenhain. At the same time, the area was being leveled using debris which arrived on wood gas powered vehicles.
2. Workers said that they did construction work on an airfield although, when being hired, they had been told that a large athletic field was to be built. Men and women received 1.37 eastmarks per hour and an additional 6.00 eastmarks per day, probably compensation for separation from their families. The workers were issued good food free of charge. According to the workers, about 200 persons were employed at the field, and their number was to be increased soon.
3. An employee of the Goerlitz labor office stated that an airfield, referred to as athletic field, was under construction near Bremenhain. About 300 laborers were required for the project. Although a high pay was promised, it was difficult to hire this number of workers. The laborers were suspicious and believed that they would later be drafted for work for a lower pay.¹

- 25X1A 1. Comment. The report confirms observations by other sources according to which the former improvised airfield near Bremenhain is to be improved. The pin-point location and the intended size of the field are not yet known. Bremenhain is about 25 km north-northwest of Goerlitz in the Niederlausitz.

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